NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Contact: Scott Reid

909/387-4866

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their August 7th meeting:

• The Board of Supervisors gave the City of Montclair approval to begin adoption of a redevelopment project on Mission Boulevard from Roswell Street to the west and Benson Street to the east. The City of Montclair will be undertaking the redevelopment, but since much of the area is under the jurisdictional boundaries of the county, the Board of Supervisors must authorize it. Tentative plans for the project include landscaping and improvement of the median on Mission Blvd. Today's action does not approve the project, but simply allows the City to begin the redevelopment plan adoption process. The actual project will come before the Board of Supervisors at a later time for approval.

"The City of Montclair and the county both have an interest in seeing Mission Blvd. revitalized," stated Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar. "I look forward to seeing the plan that the City puts together and I am confident that it will achieve our mutual goal of improving the physical condition of the area without impacting the rights of property owners."

• The Board considered a report outlining the county's ability to produce videotapes of their weekly meetings for distribution to cable television stations. The report came as the result of a request by Supervisor Fred Aguiar to have county staff determine the feasibility of airing Board meetings. The report states that the county currently has staff capable of producing the tapes, however, additional equipment would have to be purchased. The Board directed staff to come back with the actual cost of what it would take to provide broadcast quality tapes to media outlets.

"Improving the level of communication between the Board of Supervisors and the public has been a priority for me," Aguiar said. "Providing broadcast tapes of Board meetings to cable stations is just one such tool. As far as I'm concerned it's long overdue," Aguiar concluded.